



Education and Culture DG
Lifelong Learning Programme

Educational needs and expectations of people over 50 years old.

This questionnaire was created as a part of AWAKE project (Aging With Active Knowledge and Experience) to research educational needs of people over 50 and the motivation in voluntary work of 50+ people. Your suggestions and expectations concerning learning in the adult life will help us to improve learning methods and develop educational offer for people over 50.

Information about respondent:

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|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Gender | Female | | Male | | |
| Age | 51-60 | 61-70 | 71-80 | 81+ | |
| Place of residence | rural | small town | medium | city | |
| Marital status | married | single | divorced | widower | |
| Living | alone | couple | with family | old people's home | |
| Educational level | higher | post high school | high school | professional | basic |
| Employment status | self-employed | employee | pensioner | unemployed | |
| What profession? | | | | | |
| Mobility | independent | | need help of other people | | |

Please choose only one answer unless stated otherwise.

Questionnaire part I. CURRENT SITUATION

1. Are you currently involved in any educational program / courses? You may select more than one

a) **Yes**, I'm attending courses (incl. e-learning) (*Please indicate what kind of courses*):

- 1) Foreign languages
- 2) On ICT (information communication technologies)
- 3) Related to my professional field
- 4) Related to my hobbies (*e.g., floristic, art and craft, dancing, etc.*)
- 5) For personal development (*e.g., healthy lifestyle, good diet, etc.*)
- 6) Other _____

b) **No**, I'm not involved.

2. To acquire new skills or knowledge, (select all which fit)

- a) I read special literature (*books, magazines, materials on the Internet, etc.*)
- b) I watch educational TV programs
- c) I join different interest groups
- d) I'm a member of specialized social networks in Internet
- e) I take part in amateur art activities, in amateur performances
- f) Other _____

3. How much time do you spend on learning and self-development?

- a) Less than 1 hour a week
- b) 1-2 hours a day
- c) 1-2 hours a week
- d) More than 10 hours per week
- e) Other _____

Questionnaire part II. Needs and expectations

4. Learning is a good way to remain active. Do you agree?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree

5. Would you like to learn something new?

- a. Yes, certainly
- b. Yes, if it's useful for my personal career
- c. No, I have not enough time
- d. No, it's not useful

6. At a certain age there's no need to learn". Do you agree?

- a. Yes. When? _____ **If the respondent chooses also in question 5 d answer, ask a question number 16-17 and do part IV of the questionnaire.**
- b. No.

7. Why do you want to learn? motivation

For every sentence below circle one of the answers 1-5:

1 - Strongly Agree, 2- Agree, 3- Neither, 4 – Disagree, 5 - Strongly disagree

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| I like learning | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Learning is a good way to meet other people | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Learning is a good way to share my opinion with others | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I need it for my future career | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Other people will respect me more | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I could acquire and increase qualifications | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I could develop new skills | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Learning is a good way to enjoy myself | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| It's a personal development | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I could increase my self-confidence | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

8. What do you expect from learning? final results

For every sentence below circle one of the answers 1-5:

1 - Strongly Agree, 2- Agree, 3- Neither, 4 – Disagree, 5 - Strongly disagree

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Satisfaction | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Certificate | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Spending time nicely | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Meeting new people (friends) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Acquiring new knowledge and skills that will help me to find a new or better job) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Acquiring new skills | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

9. What would you like to learn? (You may select all, but please range your priorities - write the number 1, 2, 3 ...)

- a. foreign languages
- b. something connected with art (drawing, painting, sculpture)
- c. how to use computer and the internet
- d. something practical (sewing, knitting, cooking, to do Do It Yourself, etc.)
- e. new sport activity
- f. how to take care of my health and beauty
- g. something useful for my job
- h. other _____

10. What kind of personal skills would you like to acquire? (You may select all, but please range your priorities – write the number 1, 2, 3 ...)

- a. how to deal with emotions
- b. how to build relationships, how to solve conflicts
- c. how to persuade successfully
- d. how to exchange experience
- e. how to speak in public
- f. how to mediate
- g. how to work in a group
- h. how to be a good leader
- i. Other _____

11. How many hours a week would you like to learn?

- a. 1-5
- b. 6-10
- c. 11-15
- d. 16-20
- e. more than 20

12. Which method of learning do you prefer?

- a. Books/written material
- b. Internet
- c. Video and audio recordings
- d. Other _____

13. What sentence do you agree with?:

- a. I prefer learning face to face with a teacher – go to question no. 15
- b. I prefer learning in a group – go to question no. 14

c. I prefer learning by myself - go to question no. 15

14. If in a group:

- a. In a small group (up to 5 people)
- b. In a big group (more than 5 people)

15. If you could choose a teacher how old he/she would be?

- a. Person younger than me – why? _____
- b. Person in similar age– why? _____
- c. Doesn't matter

16. What's your favourite way of spending your free time? (You may select all, but please range your priorities - write the number 1, 2, 3 ...)

- a. reading a newspaper/a book
- b. watching TV/listening to the radio
- c. netsurfing
- d. visiting cinemas, theatres, musuems
- e. doing sport/exercise
- f. meeting friends/family
- g. other _____

Questionnaire part III. Possibilities and barriers

17. Does the place you live in (city) provide any:

| | | | |
|--|-----|----|------------|
| Schools for adults (post-high schools, postgraduate schools) | Yes | No | Don't know |
| Educational offer for 50+ people (third age univesities, ngos, etc.) | Yes | No | Don't know |
| Voluntary offer for 50+ people | Yes | No | Don't know |

18. Is the existing educational offer for 50+ people sufficient?

- a. Yes – go to question no. 20
- b. No – go to question no. 19

19. What are the weak points of this offer?

20. Do you see any barriers in your participation in education in your place of living?

- a. Yes – go to question no. 21
- b. No - go to question no. 22

21. What barriers?

- a. Health problems
- b. Family problems
- c. Lack of time
- d. Disability
- e. Financial problems
- f. Distance/no good connection
- g. Lack of information
- h. Lack of educational counseling

i. Other _____

Questionnaire part IV. Volunteering

22. What in your opinion is volunteering?

23. In definition Volunteering is "..."

Would you like to be a volunteer?

- a. Yes – go to question no. 24
- b. No – go to question no. 26
- c. I am – go to question no. 24

24. Why are you a Volunteer/Why would you like to be?

- a. I want to be with other people and make new friends
 - b. I want to help other people
 - c. I want to feel needed
 - d. I want to learn something new
 - e. Volunteering makes me feel good
 - f. It helps me in my professional life
 - g. It's a good way of learning something about myself
 - h. Other _____
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25. What field of volunteering are you interested in?

25. Why are you not interested in volunteering?

- a. I'm still working
 - b. I have health problems
 - c. I'm engaged with my family
 - d. I don't want to be abused
 - e. I don't know where I could have information about it
 - f. I have other interests
 - g. Other? _____
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Thank you!